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TO: The Secretary
THROUGH: S/S
FROM: NEA - William M. Rountree *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: Courtesies to King Saud

Discussion:

In your briefing of the President on January 29 at 2:30 p.m., you may wish to raise the following questions:

1. The King will expect that the President will enter Blair House following the King's arrival on January 30 and will stay for a brief period and partake of a traditional cup of Arab coffee. Although we realize the President's very heavy schedule, minor courtesies of this type are of great importance to the ultimate success of this visit.

2. Since the King plans to stay in the vicinity of Washington throughout his stay, we anticipate that he might expect to make a final call on the President in Washington prior to his departure on or about February 9. You may wish to explore with the President his willingness to receive the King again prior to his departure.

3. The King will undoubtedly expect that someone of rank will see him off from the Airport in Baltimore when he departs for Spain. You may wish to consider whether you would be in a position to do this or whether some member of the White House staff, such as Governor Adams, or someone from the President's senior military aides might see the King off.

Recommendation:

That you discuss the above three points with the President.

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